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Friday, December 3.

The President's in Key Biscayne. I had a phone call this morning from him. He said he'd had a pickup in the virus he has had for a while and was feeling a little worse. He had talked with Burns and MacGregor and was really enthusiastic about giving MacGregor high marks on his maneuvering of the tax check-off thing. Burns said that the strong position of the White House regarding the veto was what did it, and Mills had made the point that he had never had a bill vetoed and he wasn't going to put one in now that would be. The President was concerned, on the other hand, that the subway passage might have gotten us in trouble. He was afraid he had made Ford mad, and he wanted me to tell MacGregor to let Ford know that the President was misled on this and that he didn't know Gerry opposed it when he came out for it. There was some further discussion about speechwriters, and that was about it on the phone call. He met apparently for about an hour and a half today with the economic group on the budget, and that was it, other than a lot of phone calls during the day.

End of December 3.